asked the Director of Public Instruction to ascertain and report whether, and, if so, on what conditions, seats could be reserved in the Engineering College attached to the Benares Hindu University.

(2) The Government do not propose to publish the correspondence.

(3) The member is referred to the answer to part 2 (*a*) of interpellation No. 346 by Mr. K. C. Karunakaran.

Medical and Engineering Colleges, Madras.

348. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Karthikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the difficulties experienced by Travancorean students in getting admission to the Medical and Engineering Colleges, Madras;

(*b*) whether they have considered the recommendations contained in paragraph 96 of the Report of the Unemployment Committee regarding the same; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the action taken on the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government are aware that there is difficulty in getting admission to the Engineering College, and, in a lesser degree, to the Medical College.

(*b*) and (*c*) The Government had already taken action on the lines of the recommendations contained in paragraph 96 of the Report of the Unemployment Committee, with the result indicated in the answer to part 2 (*b*) of interpellation No. 346 by Mr. K. C. Karunakaran.

The Agricultural College, Coimbatore and the Engineering and Medical Colleges, Madras.

349. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken steps to secure a certain number of seats reserved yearly for the Travancorean students in the Engineering and Medical Colleges at Madras and in the Agricultural College at Coimbatore?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As regards the reservation of seats in the Engineering College, the member is referred to the answer to part (1) of interpellation No. 347 by Mr. K. Padmanabha Panikkar. As regards the Medical College at Madras, the Government understand that there is not so much difficulty in securing admission. The Government have not so far heard any complaints about the difficulty of getting admission to the Agricultural College at Coimbatore.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Are the Government aware that not more than one or two students obtain admission in the College every year?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe more than one or two students get admission there. That is my personal information.

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